

## NO ABSOLUTE CURE FOR CANCER.

London Physicians Experimenting With Radium Correct Erroneous Reports.

### SOME CASES PROMISING.

Changes Effectuated in Surface Conditions, but Specialists Unwilling to Guess as to Ultimate Results.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, Dec. 12.—(Copyright, 1903.)—Some more sensational papers during the week stated that several patients at Charing Cross Hospital had been cured of cancer by the use of radium. The facts are that continuous experiments in this direction are being carried on, and that several cases are making promising progress, but no absolute cure has yet been effected. Hopes are entertained that one female patient suffering from rodent ulcer has been so much benefited that the complete recovery will follow. Eleven cases are under treatment at the cancer hospital, in Fulham road.

Radium has effected changes in surface cancers, but specialists who have cases in hand say it is too early yet to give an opinion as to the ultimate results.

Medical men strongly deprecate premature announcements of cures, owing to the false hopes that are aroused. Patients suffering from internal cancers have come to London from all parts of the world to undergo what they believe was to be the certain removal of their malady. One poor woman came from America, and, only to find that internal cancer had not been treated as she was told. The disease, however, is now under treatment, and it is hoped that the complete disappearance upon treatment.

LECTURE ON CANCER. Much importance has been attached to a lecture delivered by Mr. Henry Morris of the R. C. S. at the Royal College of Surgeons, Wednesday, Mr. Morris is the chairman of the Cancer Investigation Committee of Middlesex Hospital, and an acknowledged authority on the subject. In his lecture, which was entitled "Cancer and Its Origin," Mr. Morris asserted that, during the last ten or fifteen years, cancer research had been almost entirely directed to microbes, and too little to cancer agencies, which were invariably undetected. The cause of cancer had not yet been properly investigated. He compared the arguments for the germ theory as against the microbe theory. The former, he said, was a mere supposition, and any other which had been advocated to account for the cause of cancer. It was in reality the only hypothesis in accordance with known facts. Up to the present time the microbe theory had not advanced our knowledge one iota.

Mr. Morris concluded with the significant statement that the germ theory had convinced those who were in the research of the local origin of cancer, and of its comparative rarity when the disease was removed early and completely.

During the course of his lecture Mr. Morris laid stress on the pernicious influence of the clay pipe and the decayed tooth in promoting the development of cancer.

CHRISTMAS WARNINGS. The Lancet, which prints Mr. Morris's lecture in full, does not refer to it editorially, but insists on a doleful warning against Christmas entertainments and their dangers. It culminates against the practice common enough in London and the streets of dressing up adults and children in cotton wool, intending to represent snow, without the least necessity of doing so, and without any precautions to keep it from coming in contact with the face.

Celluloid ornaments and toys like these are anathema to the Lancet, which further sends a note of warning of the danger that lurks in the painted doll, which may be pigmented with poison, while colored candles on the Christmas tree, if made, have been known to be the source of arterial diseases, and sweets may not be above suspicion.

PROFIT BY "BLACK HAND." Organized Blackmailers Reaping Harvest in East.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 12.—Detective Petrosino of Inspector McGuire's staff denied that he had been sent to Hoboken to assist the police of that city in disclosing the identity of the men who have been sending threatening letters to the members of the Italian colony of that place. The letters are supposed to be sent to intended victims by members of what is known as the "Black Hand" gang, and some members of this gang are believed to be at work in this city.

"We have not heard from the Jersey official," said the detective. "The 'Black Hand' band is undoubtedly at work in this city. They play upon Italians, who are too much afraid to let the police know of the letters they receive. At first they look up the Italians who are of good standing and send them threatening letters demanding money. In some cases the money is sent, while in others no attention is paid to the letters. I know of one Italian doctor in this city who gave up on the receipt of a letter, and it is likely that he will have to give up \$1,000 because he yielded once."

"Inspector McGuire is investigating all cases referred to him. One man claims to have received four such letters and did not give up any money. He is still alive and in no danger of dying, because the members of this band have not the nerve to commit murder."

"In my experience there has not been a murder that could possibly be laid at the doors of this crowd."

"If it wasn't for the refusal of many to aid the police this band could be wiped out in forty-eight hours. The man who says he received the four letters from the band has not yet told them to the police. It is too bad that these persons who set these threatening letters do not tell the police one-half of what they know."

DESERT "CENTRAL" TO WED. Elkhon Operators Leave Office and Are Married.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Elkhon, Md., Dec. 12.—In the Elkhon Telephone Exchange Little Duke Cupid is causing the managers great difficulty in securing operators to run the exchange. Several weeks ago Miss Culleney, chief operator, resigned and was married to Mr. Arthur Delbert at Philadelphia.

The vacancy was soon filled by the promotion of Miss Margaret White to become chief. All went well until Saturday night last when Miss White resigned to become Mrs. Charles Salzer.

The next day Mr. Salzer for advancement was married to Elizabeth Dean, and when informed of her promotion she was promoted to chief operator. The managers are now busily engaged in teaching the duties to a new force soon to be installed.

## Fine Silks for Holiday Gifts.

We will place on sale Monday 150 pieces of advance styles in Foulard Silks and Satins. These are in the very newest and choicest patterns, and we have their exclusive sale in St. Louis.

50 pieces Printed Satin Foulards, all desirable colors, per yard.....	50c	Black Silk Openwork Dress Patterns, Half Price.....	\$30.00
50 pieces Printed Satin Foulards, unusual qualities, all colors, per yard.....	85c	300 Patterns.....	\$15.00
50 pieces Printed Satin Foulards, exquisite shades and colorings, per yard.....	\$1.00	300 Patterns.....	\$7.00
		300 Patterns.....	\$3.50

10,000 Yards Fancy Silks. Brocades, Prints, Satins, Taffetas, Laidines; worth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 per yard; on sale Monday at (First Floor.) 75c

## Embroideries for Christmas.

Some charming new Applique and Mull Bureau Scarfs and Applique Sets have just arrived, and you can buy beautiful presents here at prices surprisingly low. The greatest stock and the best values in St. Louis.

Applique Bureau Scarfs, 2x 14 inches, special, each.....	98c	Applique Bureau Scarfs, one scarf and three muffs, special, per set.....	98c
Mull Bureau Scarfs, trimmed in applique net, special, each.....	98c	Poin d'Esprit Bureau Scarfs, 1 scarf and 3 muffs, set, \$1.48 to.....	\$1.98
Mull Bureau Scarfs, with neat embroidery, special, each.....	\$1.25	Applique Pillow Shams, 20x30 inches, worth \$2.25, set, \$1.48 to.....	\$1.48
Mull Bureau Scarfs, H. S. border or scalloped edges, with handsome drawn work, each.....	\$1.98	Corset Cover Lengths in 12-yard pieces, in all embroidery, with and without trimmings, Valenciennes lace, 2.00 per piece, 70c to.....	\$2.00

(First Floor.)

## Wash Fabrics. Good for Christmas.

We mention a few choice bargains in Wash Fabrics, especially good, adapted for the holiday season.

200 pieces Finest Flannellette manufactured, in Barr's high-class selections, 10c a yard.....	10c	300 pieces 24-inch Printed Oxford Vestings, job lot, 40c; price this week, 25c a yard.....	25c
100 pieces Amoskeag Apron Ginghams, for aprons, full line of patterns, 7 1/2c a yard.....	7 1/2c	400 pieces Abbottsford Seersuckers and A. F. C. Ginghams, plain, checks, 12 1/2c and stripes, a yard.....	12 1/2c
200 pieces Fingert, Percale, light and dark effects, for house dresses and wrappers, a yard.....	12 1/2c	2,000 Dress Patterns, with ten to 12 inches wide, each, special, Christmas, a dress.....	\$1.25

(First Floor.)

## Laces and Neckwear for Xmas.

A great number of charming new conceits are now being shown. Early buyers will secure the prettiest and most attractive pieces. Here are some specially attractive values for the money. (First Floor.)

Black, White and Colored Silk Applique Scarfs, with applique tabs, at 50c and.....	25c	135 pieces White Chantilly Laces, from 2 to 8 inches wide, yard.....	25c
White and Colored Washable Scarfs, with tabs.....	25c	175 pieces Cream and White Oriental Laces, from 4 to 10 inches wide, yard, 15c and.....	18c
White and Colored Taffeta Scarfs, with long ends.....	50c	197 pieces Normandy Vals, Laces, 3 1/2 to 4 inches wide, yard, 5c and.....	7c
White, Black and Colored Taffeta Scarfs, with medallion.....	50c	141 pieces Woven Torchon Laces, 12c values, at.....	5c
Point Venice Collars, \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, at.....	95c	127 pieces Eclair and White Venetian Applique, yard.....	25c
Eclair, Cream and White Lace Ties, \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, at 75c, 50c and.....	35c	117 pieces Eclair and White Venetian Applique, yard.....	18c

## New Copyright Music, 19c.

Our customers out of town should profit by the following bargains in Sheet Music. Nothing nicer as a Christmas present than a collection of up-to-date music, especially when it is 19c the copy. In ordering by mail send 2c to cover postage on each copy. (Basement.)

MARCHES—Soko, Peaceful Henry, Belle of the Philippines, Three Little Maids, Hiawatha, Cubanola, Dixie Girl, Checkers, Dixie Land, Wenona, Jolly General, Arrival of Goss, Creole Belles, Dance of Brownies, Navajo, Honey Girl, King Cupid, Cuban Queens, Florida, Mississippi Bubble, Sunrise in Georgia, Brightest and Best, New Mown Hay. 19c

WALTZES—Peggy O'Neal (the hit of the year in a waltz number), Neome, Cecelia, Lazarus, Under the Rose, Prayer and Passion, Maids of Paradise, Heartly Courageous, When Knighthood Was in Flower, Sweetheart's Time, each. 19c

SONGS—Bedelia (hit), Anna, My Dixie Anna, As Long as There's Love in the World (sexette), Oh, Beautiful Dream Come True, Somebody's Somebody, Betsy Bright Eyes, Lips, Colleen, Sunbeam and the Rose, To-Night, In My Dreams, Mona, 'Taint No Disgrace to Run, Songs We Used to Sing, If I Had You, Under a Panama, It Was the Dutch, Sweetest Girl in Dixie, My Heartbreaker Rags, the copy. 19c

Opera Scores, (popular).....\$1.75  
Operatic Selections, (popular).....50c  
Star Dance Folio, No. 3.....25c



Embossed Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes, lined with fine satin throughout, with rubber-lined wheels, on sale at.....\$1.00



The Liberty Watch, which sells the world over for \$1.00, with rubber-lined wheels, both watch and chain included at the one price.....\$1.00



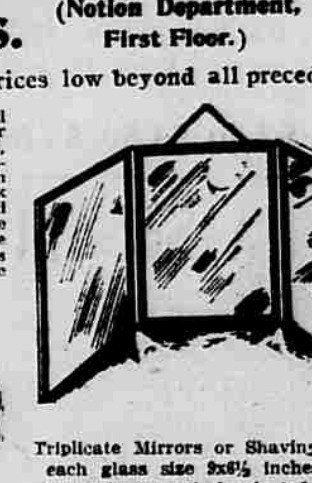
Solid Gold Link Cuff Buttons—in various patterns; the regular price of these goods is in no case less than \$2.50, and sometimes more. This sale.....\$1.25



Pretty Japanese Baskets—containing one-half dozen each—each a bottle Barr's Best Quality perfume, either the basket or the perfume alone is worth the price of the two.....25c



Genuine Ebony, Solid Back, All-Bristle Military Hair Brushes—regular price, \$2.50, per pair, \$2.25, special price for this sale.....\$1.39



Pretty Japanese Baskets—containing two 4-ounce bottles of Barr's Best Quality perfume, in all colors; either the perfume or the basket is worth what we ask for the complete set.....50c



Triplicate Mirrors or Shaving Glass—each glass size 2 1/2 inches, heavy brass frames, nicely riveted, leather-embossed front, with handsome porcelain miniature—regular price, \$1.25, for this sale.....\$1.25

# Barr's Toyland, Where Santa Claus Is King!

We could fill this entire page with news about our Toy Store and yet do it but scant justice. Hundreds of thousands of new, beautiful Toys—enough to delight the heart of every little person in St. Louis. Here are just a few of the thousands of bargains.

IRON WHEELBARROWS—Strong steel wheels, painted red, extraordinary values at 50c, 60c and.....75c

TOY TABLES, some drop-leaf and some extension, every price from.....\$4.50

IRON AND BRASS BEDS, with women-wire springs and mattresses; have regular casters; regular \$6 to \$8 to.....\$2.50

We have on sale Monday a large number of the genuine cylinder-records COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONES, a small and complete machine and worth at least \$5.00 each—your choice—place on sale \$2.98.....\$2.98

Extra Cylinder Records, a large variety of pieces to select from—each.....25c

The genuine DAIRY AIR RIFLES, full nickel plated—the \$1.00 rifle for.....49c

IRON TRAINS—The Red, White and Blue Iron Trains, have three cars, engine and tender; regular \$6 train—for Monday.....19c

IRON TRAINS—Each train has 3 cars, engine and tender, nicely numbered in bright colors—a regular \$6 train, and up to this time has been a big bargain with us at 15c; for Monday trains at, each.....8c

IMPORTED MECHANICAL TIN TOYS—Representing butcher shops, automobiles, walking dolls and many other too numerous to mention; all 50c values—for Monday.....29c

IRON TOYS—A great variety of them, all fancy painted and packed in separate boxes; hook-and-ladder, police patrol wagons, etc.; regular 75c values—on sale.....50c

Dolls. The greatest stock and variety ever shown in the West. Every price from 25c to \$10.00 each, values that are unsurpassed anywhere.

FINE IMPORTED DOLLS, with patent jointed bodies, bisque heads, curly hair and moving eyes; length 14 1/2 in.; regular price 75c—on sale Monday at.....50c

FANCY IMPORTED DRESSED DOLLS, with bisque heads, fine curly hair and beautiful eyes; length 14 inches; worth 75c—on sale Monday at.....39c

DOLLS, with fancy silk dresses, jointed bodies, bisque heads, natural curly hair, hats to match dresses; a regular.....95c

UNDRESSED DOLLS—A great variety of them, some with jointed bodies, others with kid body, with double knees and jointed hips; some with bisque heads; natural curly hair and moving eyes; according to size, from \$1.25 to.....\$10.00

DOLLS' LACE CAPS—Special bargains at 10c, 15c, 25c each. Also Dolls' Dresses, Stockings, Shoes and a grand display of Dolls' Jewelry at 25c to \$5.00 per set. Be sure to see this beautiful line.

FANCY WOOD DOLL TRUNKS with separate trays, 10-inch size.....25c

12-inch size.....50c

15-inch size.....65c

18-inch size.....\$1.25

FANCY ROUND-TOP SARATOGA DOLL TRUNKS, ornated and covered with imitation alligator, with separate inside compartments, 18-inch size, specially priced at.....\$2.75

MECHANICAL TRAINS—There are none to compare with the Ives & Williams Trains; very strongly made and will withstand many hard knocks. We have a complete line at prices ranging from \$1.00 to.....\$25.00

CHILDREN'S DESKS—A line of some 50 different styles to select from—prices range from 75c each to \$4.00 each.....\$1.50

GAMES AND BLOCKS—Regular \$2.00 fancy Picture and A B C Blocks, per set.....15c

THE VERY POPULAR LOTTO GAME, each one packed in a fancy box; each.....\$1.00

CHEVY CHASE—One of the best games ever invented; regular price \$1, but we sell it for.....49c

A large variety of regular 25c Board Games; your choice for.....19c

PING PONG OR TABLE TENNIS, reduced to just half former prices. This is a most interesting and exciting game. We are overstocked, consequently make big price reductions.....\$2.00

\$2.00 sets reduced to.....\$1.00

\$4.00 sets reduced to.....\$2.00

\$5.00 sets reduced to.....\$2.50

\$6.00 sets reduced to.....\$3.00

\$8.00 sets reduced to.....\$4.00

\$10.00 sets reduced to.....\$5.00

\$12.00 sets reduced to.....\$6.00

\$14.00 sets reduced to.....\$7.00

\$16.00 sets reduced to.....\$8.00

\$18.00 sets reduced to.....\$9.00

\$20.00 sets reduced to.....\$10.00

\$22.00 sets reduced to.....\$11.00

\$24.00 sets reduced to.....\$12.00

# Barr's

Sixth, Seventh, Olive and Locust Streets, St. Louis, Mo.

Mail Orders Given Special Attention.

## Gifts for Men.

Smoking Jackets—What could be more appropriate as a Christmas present for a man than one of our elegant Smoking Jackets? It is a gift that combines both usefulness and beauty, and any man will find comfort in one of these easy garments. We have Men's House Coats and Smoking Jackets as low in price as \$5.00, and as high as.....\$25.00

Holiday Suspenders—Something that every man needs and will appreciate—we have all the good kinds, marked at our usual low prices, from.....25c to \$3.00

Handsome Neckwear—Always an appropriate gift for a man. All the new styles, colorings and combinations of colors. Values fully one-third better than in the haberdashery stores; all prices from.....25c to \$3.00 (First Floor, Cor. Seventh and Olive.)

## Holiday Linens. Prices Reduced.

One of the most complete stocks you ever saw. A gathering of beautiful linens that offers an immense range for choice. The following reduced prices are very unusual and will bring crowds to-morrow:

10 pieces 68-inch All-White Irish Table Damask, pure grass bleached and as fine in quality as any damask being offered at \$1 per yard; Monday, per yard.....69c

12 pieces 72-inch very fine Cream Damask—this is a beauty and our regular \$2.50 number; this we offer in six handsome new patterns; Monday, per yard.....85c

One large table, containing about 25 dozen splendid Towels. On this table will be found Hemmed and Hemstitched Huck, Hemstitched and Knotted Fringe Damask Towels, worth from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per dozen; choice of lot, per dozen.....\$3.00 (First Floor.)

20 dozen Barr's celebrated Banner Napkins, fine and heavy weight, this season's patterns in three sizes; per dozen, \$2.75, \$3.00 and.....\$3.50

Elegant assortment of embroidered Scalloped Sheets and Pillow Cases, made on extra heavy 80-inch cotton embroidery; embroidered with heavily mercedized flax (boxed); per set.....\$5.00

Books for the Holiday Season. All the old books, all the new books, the greatest assemblage of notable works in St. Louis. There are books to suit people of all ages and of all walks of life, ranging in price from the very cheapest to the most elaborately printed and bound volume.

The most complete and pleasing stock of fine Stationery in town. All the latest novelties are being shown. Prices are very low.

In fancy Calendars and other suitable Christmas Gifts in the Stationery and Book line we are prepared to meet your heaviest demands.

Artistic Ink Wells, Penholders, Pen Wipers, in new and novel styles. Prices absolutely unapproachable elsewhere. (First Floor—New Addition.)

## Petticoats—A Great Special Sale.

(Muslin Underwear Department, Second Floor, New Addition.) An immense purchase of Silk Petticoats, consisting of several sample lines of Eastern manufacturers, at one-third less than regular price.

Ladies' Petticoats, made of good quality rustling taffeta silk, deep graduated flounce, finished with wide ruffled edge, in all the new changeable effects and solid colors, actual value \$5.00, on sale Monday at.....\$4.98

Ladies' Petticoats, made of heavy rustling taffeta silk, deep graduated flounce, finished with two rows of rose pleated flounce, in black and colors, actual price \$8.00, on sale Monday at.....\$5.75

Ladies' Petticoats, made of extra quality taffeta silk, deep graduated flounce, finished with wide ruffled edge, in a variety of handsome colors, actual value \$10.00, on sale Monday at, each.....\$10.50

Other Petticoats in a variety of styles all entirely new, ranging in price from each.....\$25.00

## Gloves for Men and Women.

No present more acceptable to a man, woman or child than a pair of nice gloves. We have gloves for every occasion, both street and dress; a range of qualities and prices to please every one.

Exclusive agents for P. Centemeri & Co.'s "Perfection of Fit" Kid Gloves, the most satisfactory glove made. (First Floor.)

Ladies' Gloves. Our Men's Glove Department is showing a beautiful line of evening or street gloves, also some special values in Fur Gloves. Our best quality Pique Kid Gloves for men, in street colors and white, per pair.....\$2.00

P. Centemeri & Co.'s first quality Suede Gloves, colors.....\$1.50

P. Centemeri & Co.'s first quality Suede Gloves, colors.....\$1.75

P. Centemeri & Co.'s Florida Glace, 3-clasp, embroidered, all colors and black.....\$1.50

Ladies' Pique Suede Cape Gloves for street wear, Dent's first.....\$1.85

La Tona Pique Kid Gloves, Piques Bros. & Co.'s first quality, pair.....\$2.00

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Dent's or Piques' Pique or Pique Suede gloves for street wear, per pair.....\$1.85

Men's Fur Gloves, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$26.00, \$27.00, \$28.00, \$29.00, \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, \$33.00, \$34.00, \$35.00, \$36.00, \$37.00, \$38.00, \$39.00, \$40.00, \$41.00, \$42.00, \$43.00, \$44.00, \$45.00, \$46.00, \$47.00, \$48.00, \$49.00, \$50.00, \$51.00, \$52.00, \$53.00, \$54.00, \$55.00, \$56.00, \$57.00, \$58.00, \$59.00, \$60.00, \$61.00, \$62.00, \$63.00, \$64.00, \$65.00, \$66.00, \$67.00, \$68.00, \$69.00, \$70.00, \$71.00, \$72.00, \$73.00, \$74.00, \$75.00, \$76.00, \$77.00, \$78.00, \$79.00, \$80.00, \$81.00, \$82.00, \$83.00, \$84.00, \$85.00, \$86.00, \$87.00, \$88.00, \$89.00, \$90.00, \$91.00, \$92.00, \$93.00, \$94.00, \$95.00, \$96.00, \$97.00, \$98.00, \$99.00, \$100.00

Men's Wool Gloves, a beautiful assortment of colorings, unusual values at, per pair.....50c

Special in Boys' Fur Gloves—an exceptional value at.....\$2.00

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